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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a process for making cross-linked polysaccharide gels under basic conditions. More particularly, the present invention provides a process for forming cross-linked hyaluronic acid gels under basic conditions. The resulting gels possess improved degradation characteristics, and are useful in a variety of medical and cosmetic applications.

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